

"We've actually had to go back to using our lightweight doonas because otherwise it's too hot," - Jo Pianta, Coburg



## Positive Charge Helping Households- Insulation

While many of us are adding extra blankets at night to beat the winter chill, at Jo's place it's so warm that even without the heating on they're taking blankets away.

After installing ceiling and wall insulation, as well as draught proofing earlier this year, Jo Pianta couldn't be happier with the warm results.

"We can have the heating on from 6pm to 10pm and at 3 in the morning it still stays at 19 degrees."

While her home is warmer than it's ever been, her gas bills have also gone down, dropping by about 20 per cent since the same period last winter.

"It's the wall insulation, made of rock dust, that's made the biggest difference. It's magic stuff," she said.

With a triple-fronted brick veneer home, Jo was faced with a common question. How

do you get insulation into the gap between the bricks and the plaster of a home that's already been built? That is, without having to tear it all apart.

With a little help from Positive Charge, she found that with new blow-in wall insulation, there's no need to remove any inside or outside walls at all.

Specially designed for existing homes, installers just lifted a roof tile, inserting a pipe in the wall cavity, which is used to pump in the insulation in granular form – like sugar.

Made from the same material as insulation batts, this stuff then finds its way into all the available air pockets. For difficult to reach spots, such as under windows, a small two centimetre hole can be drilled into the mortar. Any holes are just re-filled, matching the mortar colour.

Jo then benefits from a more comfortable home, year-round.

"Siting in our lounge, watching TV, is so much more comfortable now, summer and winter," Jo said.

"It's really cosy."

Knowing who to trust with insulation can pose another obstacle for many. Jo relied on local sustainability experts, Positive Charge.

"The process was easy and it's great having the experts you can trust to help."

**To find out the best ways to make your home energy efficient contact the energy experts at Positive Charge on 9385 8555.**

